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S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—"May I ask whether the Government are aware that the tank has been drying up almost every year for the past 30 years?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The Government are aware that in recent years 95 per cent of the irrigable ayacut has received water for irrigation of the first crop every year."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government have any proposal to remodel the irrigation channel of the Cumbum tank?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The Chief Engineer has reported that owing to the failure to do kudimaramath work, channels have become very much silted up and the flow is obstructed by weeds and moss. He has asked the Collector to see that these defects are remedied. He has also found that there are a great many sluices without shutters and locks. He has called for estimates for providing these with shutters and locks so as to prevent waste of water."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"With regard to the information that 95 per cent of the ayacut has been irrigated, may I ask the Government to state whether it refers to the first crop alone or first and second crop together?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"It refers to first crop only."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Are they entered in the accounts as single crop or double crop?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I think as single crop."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask the hon. Member to look at the irrigation figures once again, because I am afraid his figure of 95 per cent is altogether wrong?"

Land Revenue Administration

Service inams.

* 103 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government, the Inam Commissioner or the Collectors of the districts maintain any lists of religious and charitable service inams confirmed by the Commissioner in or about 1860, with the terms and conditions on which they have been confirmed; and

(*b*) whether a list of these religious and charitable service inams in the districts of South Arcot and Salem is available and whether copies of the same will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) The Inam Commissioner and the Collectors maintain such lists.

(*b*) The Government are enquiring how many such inams there are in these two districts and what would be the cost of printing the lists of them. The question of placing copies of the lists on the table of the House will be considered when a reply is received.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member call for information from the Collectors as to the original extent of the grants and the present extent of the grants and the nature of their administration at present?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Rendition of Sivaganga.

* 104 *Q.*—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Estate of Sivaganga is in a progressive condition without debts under the management of the present Estate Collector representing the Court of Wards; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to state the probable time of rendition of Sivaganga Estate from the management of the Court of Wards to the Raja of Sivaganga?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Annual Administration reports of the Court of Wards which have been published.

(*b*) It is not at present possible to say.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask whether the estate of Sivaganga is still indebted?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I think it is just out of debt at present."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask why the estate should still continue under the Court of Wards?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" Because the conditions under which it was taken over still continue."

Alleged delay in the disposal of business by the Tahsildar, Mangalore.

* 105 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Tahsildar and Head Accountant of the Mangalore Taluk office and the staff of the same, unnecessarily ill-treat and inordinately delay the work of respectable landlords that happen to go on business to the taluk office?

A.—The Government have not the information. They have received no complaints of any such conduct.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the Government if after they received this interpellation from a responsible member of this Council, they called for information and ascertained whether the allegations made therein are true or not?"